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Letters

KGB and the pope

William Safire recently pointed out in *The New York Times* that the CIA poured cold water on earlier stories that "the KGB-controlled Bulgarian secret police" was involved in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

It has been reported that since that time, Zbigniew Brzezinski and an associate who was formerly the CIA station chief in Ankara have been among the few to encourage reporters to follow this story.

This is not the first time that agencies and individuals in our government have been unwilling to believe that the Communists act in harmony with certain basic elements in their world views. To believe the truth about the Communists means that one realizes that the world is far less safe a place than we wish it to be. Some people seem to assume that if you believe the truth, the truth will drive you mad.

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